

FACT SHEET

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE AIR TOXICS STANDARDS FOR THE CELLULOSE PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

ACTION

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending the 2002 air toxics standard for Cellulose Products Manufacturing. This action affects cellulose products manufacturing facilities that are engaged in the production of products such as rayon, cellophane, cellulose food casings, and various cellulose ethers.
- The 2002 standards reduce the emissions of air toxics by 1700 tons each year. Air toxics are pollutants known, or suspected, to cause cancer and other health effects. Since 1990, EPA has issued 96 standards that require 174 industry source categories to eliminate 1.7 million tons of air toxics.
- The cellulose industry petitioned EPA to revise aspects of the rule regarding compliance options and also for clarity.
- The EPA is issuing these amendments as a direct final rule, because we view the revisions as non-controversial and we anticipate no significant adverse comments.
- These final rule amendments will provide the industry with additional compliance options that will result in emissions reductions equal to, or greater than, those achieved by the existing compliance options. They will also clarify definitions, and correct typographical, formatting, and cross-referencing errors in the final rule.
- The EPA estimates that today's direct final rule amendments will not alter the stringency of the standards and will have no adverse health or environmental impacts.
- There are no costs associated with these amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- For further information about the direct final rule amendments, contact William Schrock of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5032
- To download a copy the final amendments, go to EPA's World Wide Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg> under recent additions.